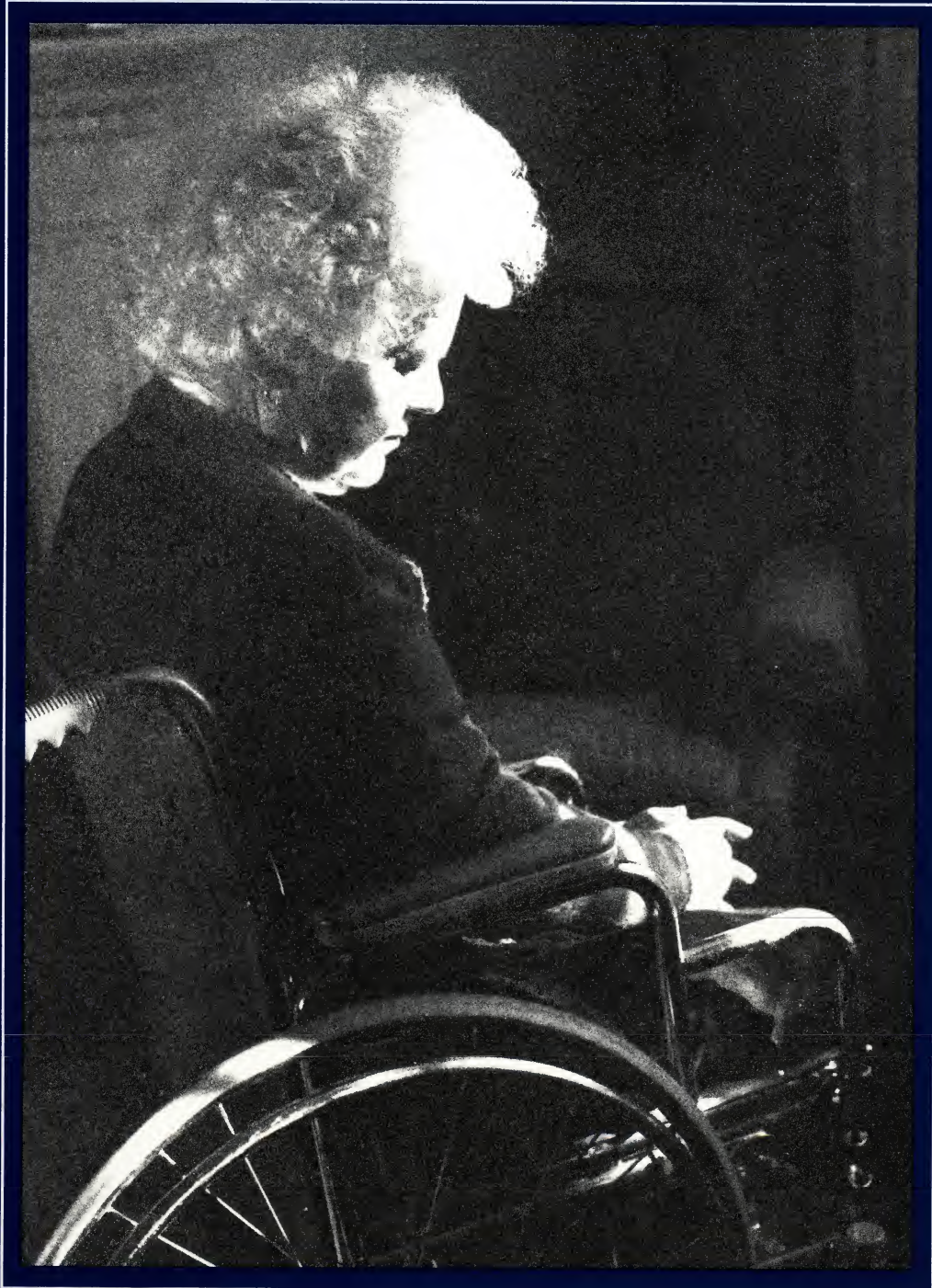


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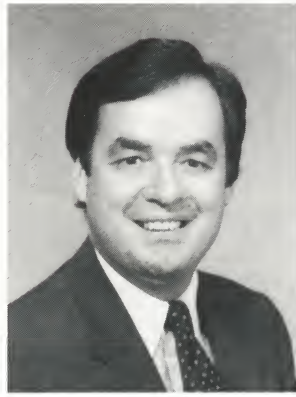
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Our cover picture is Mrs. Myrtle Mayhue, a stroke victim. She is featured in the article, "Caring For One Who Suffers" on page 5.

PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE



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I must confess that I am not qualified to address the subject of suffering from first-hand experience. I have known little of it, especially as I look at others who have endured so much. Yet, I have always asked the Lord to make me sensitive toward those going through times of suffering.

As a pastor I found that there were always suffering people to serve. Here are some of the people from a former church to whom I ministered on one particular day:

1. A man left his wife and children for another woman.
2. Someone's mother died.
3. Instead of going on a planned vacation Monday, the individual was in traction in the hospital.
4. A man just lost his job. He has a wife and two children.
5. Someone's son had tests for what could be cancer.
6. Someone had major surgery.
7. Someone was deeply frustrated in life.
8. Someone was deeply depressed -- unable to cope with life.
9. Someone had contemplated suicide.

A wise, experienced pastor told me while I was in seminary, "Harry, as you minister the Word of God realize that in every pew there will be a troubled heart." I thought his remarks were exaggerated until I became a pastor. Indeed, there are suffering, hurting people all around us. We need to ask the Lord for sensitive and caring hearts toward those who are suffering.

It is my prayer that this issue of *Reflections* will give perspective and sensitivity to those who are suffering. "Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God. For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also aboundeth by Christ" (2 Cor. 1:3-5). It is also my prayer that this *Reflections* will help those of us who have not experienced suffering first-hand to be better able to minister to those who are suffering.

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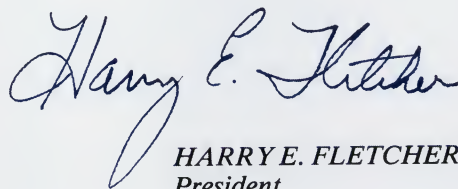
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DEALING WITH AFFLICTION

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Sooner or later, most of us must deal with physical affliction. For some, the transition from good to poor health is a gradual one, culminating with ill health in the later years of life. For others, the transition may be sudden, as with cancer or certain heart problems.

A Personal Testimony

For myself, the transition from good to poor health has been part gradual, part sudden. During a routine physical when I was 13 years old my doctor discovered that I had diabetes. The shock and seriousness of this news was reinforced quickly by a three-week hospital stay where I learned to give myself insulin injections and follow a strictly regimented diet. During the past 20 years it has been a daily (and often unsuccessful) struggle to avoid the extremes of low blood sugar (too much insulin) and high blood sugar (too much sugar), either of which can lead to more serious complications.

One of the most serious complications stemming from diabetes is retinopathy, an eye ailment which can lead to blindness. (Diabetes is the leading cause of post-natal blindness in the United States.) Five years ago my doctor saw the first signs of retinopathy, and three years ago my left eye hemorrhaged. Since that time I have had 38 laser surgeries in both eyes and three major operations. Several times, because of the hemorrhages, I have been blind in one eye. An especially difficult time occurred after the third surgery in January 1985. Prior to this time most of my major eye problems had been in my left eye, so I felt I was "safe" as long as nothing happened to the right eye. But in the fall of 1984 I had a major hemor-

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rhage in the right eye, and in January a third, seven-hour operation was performed on my so-called "good" eye. Several days after the operation, my doctor uncovered the bandage and shook his head: he thought the operation had been a failure.

What would be my response to such a bleak outlook? For me, the situation was different only in degree, not in kind, from what I had known for 20 years -- God had graciously given me ample time to learn the proper response to physical affliction. That is not to say that my immediate response to such situations has always been right, nor that there is not still a good deal of room for improvement. But time and time again, I have come back to the simple truths expressed by the Apostle Paul as he met with similar adversity. These truths, found in 2 Corinthians 12:7-10, are applicable to any of us who are experiencing some sort of affliction.

Paul's Thorn in the Flesh

Paul describes his affliction in 2 Corinthians 12:7 as a "thorn in the flesh." The expression refers to a stake or a sharp wooden shaft for the flesh. There have been many suggestions as to what Paul's ailment was: epilepsy, malarial fever, eye problems, migraines, rheumatism, or possibly even spiritual sufferings and persecutions. Because of the expression "stake for the flesh," however, most take it to be a physical problem, quite possibly severe eye problems because of Galatians 4:14-15 (the willingness of the Galatians to pluck out their eyes and give them to Paul) and 6:11 (Paul's comment about how they can tell he is writing the letter himself, since the handwriting is so large). But we do

not know for sure what it was -- a fact which enables us to apply Paul's words to many different kinds of affliction we may face today.

The cause of Paul's adversity is indicated in the text: it was a "messenger of Satan," yet permitted by the Lord. God here permits Satan to inflict this difficulty upon Paul, much as He did with Job. Yet God -- both with Paul and Job, and with us -- is ultimately in control as far as the limits of the affliction are concerned.

We should recognize that the causes of our adversity are not all supernatural: many afflictions are the result of our own sinful nature and/or habits. If a person has too much to drink, and then drives a car and ends up in an accident which ruins his car and perhaps causes serious bodily injury, that person is suffering adversity because of his own sinful acts. So sin may, in fact, be a reason for affliction, and we should be sure to consider this possibility. Yet, we must not go to the opposite extreme, as many do, and assume that all sickness and affliction is directly caused by sin. That simply is not so, as Jesus told the Pharisees who asked Him concerning the man born blind in John 9. They wanted to know who had sinned, "this man or his parents, that he should be born blind." Jesus plainly answered, "It was neither that this man sinned nor his parents; but that the works of God might be displayed in him" (John 9:3).

So as we consider our own adversity we should keep these man-made causes for affliction in mind; and if they are applicable, we should try to correct the root problems involved. But in Paul's case there is no indication that it was caused by him at all; rather, it was a messenger from Satan permitted by God.

Paul's Response to His Thorn in the Flesh

Much can be learned by considering Paul's two-fold response to his thorn in the flesh. The first thing he did was to pray to the Lord (v. 8). It is amazing how many times we forget even this most obvious truth. It is so easy to forget God, thinking that we can solve our problems by ourselves. It is comforting to me to realize that even one of the greatest Christians who ever lived, the Apostle Paul, did not know at first what God was doing -- or why. So he asked the Lord to remove this "thorn in the flesh." Paul persevered, praying three times to the Lord before he received a response. The Lord Jesus

approached the Father in the same way in Gethsemane, when He asked the Father three times that "if it be possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt" (Matt. 26:39, 42, 44). We do not always know the Father's will, but it is always appropriate to come to Him in prayer and honestly pour out our hearts to Him.

The Lord's response to Paul's prayer points the way to a second proper response to our adversity. He said, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness" (v. 9). A second response to adversity is to renew our dependence upon His grace and His purpose for our lives. And this is exactly what Paul does in 12:9-10. He says that he will even take pleasure in his infirmities so that God's power may shine through him. Some-

"But God is more interested in our character than the health of our bank account or our bodies."

times the Lord chooses to remove the adversity immediately. Certainly, God does heal people today. But it seems that most often, rather than outright healing, God chooses to do what He did with the Apostle Paul -- to strengthen his character, to enable him to bear the adversity. Many times we want the easy way out, or the quick miracle -- I think that's why so-called "faith healers" are so popular today. But God is more interested in our character than the health of our bank account or our bodies. And just as He promised Paul, so He promises us that His grace is sufficient to meet our adversity, if we will only cast our cares upon Him.

Our Response to Affliction

In my own life I believe this is precisely what has happened. God has not taken away my diabetes, though He certainly could have. And my eyes still have diabetic retinopathy -- though happily the doctor's initial conclusion was wrong, and the operation was highly successful,

so that right now I have good use of both eyes. But I recognize that at any moment my eyes could hemorrhage again, and my eyesight would be severely impaired. Yet, throughout the past 20 years, I have recognized over and over again my own human weakness, and God's power and sufficiency in my life. The net result is that I have drawn closer to Him and His purposes for my life.

All of us have a tendency to forget about God and the most important things in life if everything is going "well" from a human point of view. So God often allows adversity in our lives to get our attention, and possibly even to redirect our purposes completely to reflect His purpose for our lives. God cannot work through proud, independent people. As Paul says in 2 Corinthians 4:7, we have the treasure of the knowledge of Jesus Christ "in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God and not of us." *All* of us are earthen vessels, *all* are frail -- it is only that some of us may have more obvious or more lasting afflictions than others. But this is exactly as God wants it, so there will be room for Him to work in our lives to redirect our purpose and refocus our commitment to Him. C.S. Lewis writes, in an excellent little book called *The Problem of Pain*, that "God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pains; it is His megaphone to rouse a deaf world" (p. 93). In short, He allows adversity to get our attention, so that we may renew our dependence upon His grace and power in our lives.

Hence, when we are faced with adversity, we should first analyze the cause. If the adversity is man-made, we must take appropriate action to get rid of the cause. But if, as in Paul's case, the adversity is God-permitted, then we should do as Paul did: pray to the Lord concerning our adversity; wait for His response; and allow Him either to remove the affliction, or, more likely, to provide His grace and power to work through us and cause us to triumph as we bring glory to Him. In the midst of our affliction we must also recognize that one day, when the Lord comes for us, we will have new resurrection bodies like that of the Lord Himself (Phil. 3:21). In that day God will wipe away our tears, and "there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away" (Rev. 21:4).

Caring For One Who Suffers

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On November 11, 1983, my life and my wife's were radically changed. Following my registration for winter quarter classes that day, I left Seminary thinking I had registered for all my courses. What I was not aware of was that God was already enrolling me in another course.

When we came home that evening, we found that my wife's widowed mother had suffered a massive stroke -- leaving her entire left side paralyzed (which has remained unchanged to this day). Within seconds Mom had gone from a relatively healthy, independent 69-year-old to one who was disabled and totally dependent on others to care for her. As my wife and I discussed the situation, there was no question in our minds but that we would care for Mom at home.

The first six months were difficult days. I must confess that I often found the whole situation more of an irritation than a blessing or an opportunity to serve the Lord by serving others. There was no stability or routine in our lives. In addition to being exhausting it was also agonizing to watch a loved one lose so much vitality and change so much mentally and emotionally.

We both struggled with the question -- why? Why did God allow this severe trial and were we doing the right thing? Prayer and Scripture assured us that we were. As I studied 1 Timothy 5:8, I realized that God is not just referring to a man providing for his wife and family as this verse is commonly interpreted. The context of this passage (1 Tim. 5:3-16) is widows. When God inspired Paul to pen these words to Timothy, "But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel" (5:8), the man's mother was in view. God instructs the man to care for the widow. James echoes this same truth when he writes to the believer, "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction . . ." (James 1:27). The fact of the matter was simply this: the real reason for a decision not to care for Mom would be that it was inconvenient -- it would disrupt our plans, our goals, and our routines. The biblical command was clear. Caring for Mom was not an option to us, and it soon became our desire no matter how difficult. It is a demanding job, but each one of us, including Mom, has experienced tremendous growth in our faith and our walk with the Lord.

Although this was a most difficult time for my wife and me, I know Mom's suffering was the deepest. In physical suffering of this degree, Mom was experiencing a loss of power in decision-making from major to routine, daily decisions. It was a humbling time, losing personal privacy and dignity, becoming totally dependent on others for her needs,

and having to adapt to others' time schedules, energy levels, and desires. Not only did Mom suffer physically, but she also went through a time of emotional instability and severe depression. She had to come to the point of accepting the severe limitations now placed upon her as a result of the stroke.

Through Mom's suffering, we have all learned many valuable lessons. It is critical for those who are suffering to be fed spiritually on a regular basis. They need to hear the Word daily, be reassured that God is working in their lives in a very special way, and have opportunities for prayer.

In terms of practical care, it is important to make the afflicted still feel needed and to allow them to make contributions to family life in their own sphere of capability. It is also vital to envelop them in an atmosphere of love, reassuring them by words and with physical contact (touches, hugs, and kisses) that let them know they are needed and loved. In addition, it helps to be able to see daily life from their new perspective in the midst of their suffering, to identify their needs and wants, and then to help them achieve their goals.

It is crucial for the caregivers to be strong spiritually and physically. Watching a loved one suffer has a way of draining us of the strength we need to bear up under the trial. Daily prayer time and Bible study are essential in order to be able to thank the Lord, trust Him, and draw close to Him. In order to maintain a proper perspective and sustain physical energies, it is also necessary to have some competent outside help. This provides much needed opportunities for rest for the caregiver and gives the one being cared for opportunities to interact with others outside the daily routine. This helps everyone to have a more positive outlook.

We have all learned new lessons in cooperation in family living, such as forgiveness, honest yet loving communication, a sense of humor, flexibility in our plans and rights, compassion for one who hurts, patience with the frailty and faults of others, and a yielding of our desires to make someone else more comfortable or happy.

Caring for one who suffers is difficult and requires sacrifice, but for us, it has been rewarding and blessed by God. If God chooses to allow you to care for one who is suffering, thank Him and trust Him. We do not understand fully why God allowed Mom to be a victim of a massive stroke. But we do know that God is in control, that God is faithful, that God is good, and His ways are perfect. God makes no mistakes.

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BOOK REVIEWS

READING RESOURCES ON SUFFERING

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Every Christian will be cast at different times in his life into any of three roles with suffering: (1) he will experience personal suffering; (2) he will study the Bible to understand suffering; or (3) he will seek to help others who are suffering. With these respective roles in mind, three important books will be reviewed.

Free to Grieve by Maureen Rank
(Bethany House, 1985).

Maureen Rank is a family seminar speaker and mother of two children, but has lost four prior to birth. Her book is an excellent combination of spiritual, psychological and medical information for those who are healing after losing a child through miscarriage or still birth.

The author demonstrates an awareness of the unique grief dynamics of a miscarriage and stillbirth. Based on this understanding, she gives effective insight about managing special bereavement problems. Healing from any grief requires reinvolvement in life. This small book challenges the readers to consider several key questions such as, "Should we try again?" or "Should we consider adoption?" etc.

If there is any reason for caution with the book, it would be in the area of communication to young children. It might be advisable to refrain from Rank's "tell-all" policy of telling preschoolers about first trimester pregnancies so that deaths that might occur during that time will remain unknown to them.

The book is so unusually balanced

and helpful that churches would do well to have several copies on hand to give out or use for premarital and post-abortion counseling.

The Goodness of God by John W. Wenham (Intervarsity Press, 1974).

John W. Wenham is a Bible teacher and defender of the faith. His book is a tough examination of suffering and asks one basic question: how can the Bible be reconciled when it teaches that God is good while also teaching that this same God banishes people to an eternal hell, commands holy warfare against the Canaanites, and inspires psalms of vengeance? The book presents an excellent summary of traditional answers to this question. Wenham's answer, in short, is that we must always understand the goodness of God against the biblical background of His sovereignty and His holy antagonism against evil, and not against our popular notions of fairness.

The chief weakness in the book is that Wenham is tolerant of the idea of conditional immortality. This idea maintains that God grants eternal life to believers but that unbelievers will eventually pass out of conscious existence. Since the text of Scripture clearly teaches that our life in Christ is "eternal" in both time and experience, it is inconsistent to suggest that the second death is "eternal" only in time but not in experience.

Wenham's book would be an excellent reading resource for anyone who wants to defend the faith, to investigate tough questions on suffering, or to clarify his

own beliefs on eternal judgment.

Religion and Pain by Joseph H. Fichter (Crossroad, 1981).

Although Joseph Fichter is writing from a clergyman's point of view for those in full-time Christian ministry, this book is for any person whose focus is ministering to the sick or aged. Fichter writes to help his readers understand how faith can contribute to a person in pain. He contends that suffering patients receive maximum potential for healing and pain when medicine and religion become partners in the therapeutic process. His book presents the results of his research in 325 religious hospitals in which he had interviewed health care and clergy professionals. He sought to determine how the spiritual dimension of their lives influenced the ways in which they tried to help patients who were suffering with various kinds of pain.

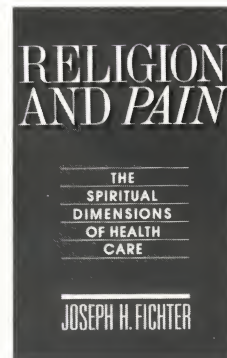
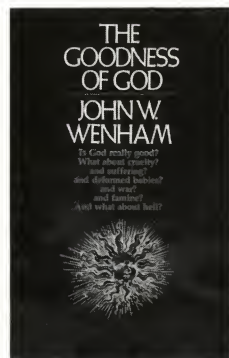
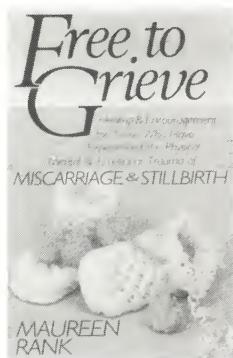
From one interview with an anesthesiologist, he reports that patients who have a companion to accompany, touch, and pray with them in the pre-op waiting area, usually required only half as much anesthesia as those who come into surgery alone, untouched, and without the support of immediate prayer. This finding suggests that when a patient and some member of the care-giving network can unite in spiritual compassion and hope, it is easier for the sick person to rest in the hands of God and the hands of the health care team.

The book would be strengthened in its practicality if its research base were expanded to include learning about pain and care-giving from hospital volunteers and the patients themselves.

Editor's Note: The author of this book, Joseph Fichter, does not profess Christ as Savior, but a Christian may still find this book helpful.

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SUFFERING WITH CHRIST

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Introduction

It is a general biblical doctrine that physical suffering in this world is a result of sin entering the human race through Adam (Rom. 5). This kind of suffering affects the righteous and unrighteous alike under the sovereign hand of God in order to drive men to see their need of God (Job, Luke 13:1-5). But this kind of general suffering is not the major concern of the New Testament. A brief study of the three primary Greek words for suffering used in the New Testament will help demonstrate the primary New Testament focus on suffering.

Greek Words for Suffering

The first Greek word used for the concept of suffering in the New Testament is *paschō*, which means "to experience" something. *Paschō* expresses a passive idea, in contrast to the active idea of *poieō* ("to do"). *Paschō* may refer equally to good or bad experiences which are beyond a person's control, whether they be due to internal emotional struggle (*pathōs*, a derivative, may mean "passion"), physical sickness, or external oppression.

In the New Testament *paschō* is used to describe Christ's Passion which includes his rejection, physical abuse, and death (Matt. 16:21; Luke 9:22; Mark 8:31). This term applies to those who follow Christ in that they, too, will experience the same kinds of suffering (1 Pet. 2:18-25). Such suffering should not be looked upon negatively, but rather it should be viewed as a privilege, graciously granted by God, so that we may show our love for Him (Phil. 1:29).

The second word in the New Testament that describes the Christian experience is *thlipsis*. *Thlipsis* is related to the verb *thlibō* which means literally "to crush or squash" something (Mark 3:9). *Thlipsis* can refer to any kind of pressure, and is translated variously as "oppression," "affliction," or "tribulation." As a technical term, *thlipsis* is used to describe the general characteristics of the whole period of the 70th

week of Daniel (the Tribulation period), or the last 3 1/2 years (the Great Tribulation: Rev. 7:14; Matt. 24:21, 29; cf. Dan. 12:1 LXX). In this usage *thlipsis* refers to the oppression which comes on the whole world and on Israel from God Himself, in order to judge sin and to bring Israel to repentance.

In the majority of its occurrences in the New Testament, however, *thlipsis* refers to the affliction or tribulation that comes from the world upon the messenger of God or on the Church. Paul's ministry was one of much affliction (2 Cor. 6:4), and he wrote to the churches that they, too, should expect oppression from the world (1 Thess. 1:6; cf. Acts 11:19; 14:22; Heb. 10:33). Again, rather than being a negative experience, personal or corporate affliction for the cause of Christ is a proof of the reality of the gospel in one's life and in the Church (1 Thess. 1:6; 2 Cor. 6:4; Phil. 1:27-30).

The last word used to express the concept of suffering in the New Testament is *diōkō* or *diōgmos*. Literally, *diōkō* means "to chase or pursue" something (Phil. 3:14), but it usually has a negative connotation of pursuing in order to harm. The word is used to refer to the active rejection of God's message preached by His messengers throughout biblical history (Matt. 23:34-35; Luke 11:49-51), culminating in the rejection of Christ Himself. The clear implication is that those who follow Christ will also be persecuted (John 15:20). This persecution is exemplified especially in the pre-conversion activities of Paul (Saul) in Acts 9:4-5 (cf. Acts 22:4-8; 26:11-15; 1 Cor. 15:9) in which he zealously pursued Christians in order to bring them to trial. But persecution does not affect only those who minister the Word boldly, for in 2 Timothy 3:12 Paul explains that "... all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted."

Application and Summary

It is a major teaching of the New Testament that Christians will suffer

and be persecuted because of their righteous living and their association with Christ (1 Pet. 2:19-25; 3:14-18; 4:12-19; 5:10; 2 Tim. 3:10-17). This situation is not something unusual; rather, from the New Testament perspective the relatively little persecution Christians encounter in America is atypical. The usual experience of Christians throughout the centuries and in other countries today is one of persecution and suffering.

The New Testament, however, does not stop with simply teaching the fact of suffering for Christ. It also teaches how one is to respond in the face of suffering. Christians are to respond to persecution with joy (Heb. 10:32-33; Pet. 4:13-14; Matt. 5:11-12), humility (1 Pet. 2:21-23), and love, but never in retaliation (Rom. 12:13-14; Matt. 5:44). In order to respond in such a way, the Christian needs to understand three truths about suffering. First, suffering is a necessary test of commitment to Christ (Mark 8:31-38) and of our faith in God (1 Pet. 4:19). Second, suffering builds spiritual character. It produces endurance and perseverance in believers (1 Cor. 4:12; Rom. 5:3-5); it is one way God purifies His children (James 1:2-4; 1 Pet. 4:17); and it enables the believer to expand his ministry by comforting others who are suffering (2 Cor. 1:4-8). Finally, the believer needs to keep in mind that the suffering of this evil age is temporary, but the rewards of the next age are eternal (Rom. 8:18-21; 1 Pet. 4:13; 5:10).

In conclusion, the believer is to imitate Christ in humble obedience to the will of God. Such obedience presently includes suffering for Him so that at a future time all believers may be exalted with Christ (Phil. 2:5-11; 2 Cor. 4:16-18).

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This photograph of Dr. Kim's mother was taken about the time that he left North Korea, over 35 years ago.

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Thirty-five years! A long 35 years of separation between a son and his mother. A total blackout of contact -- no letters, no phone calls, no visits, and no news of any kind -- not because this was what they wanted, but rather because it was superimposed on a nation and her people by the harsh realities of international conflict. Not even one day passed for the son, or, I am sure, for his mother since that fateful day of separation when they did not think, wonder about, and long for each other.

"Go In Peace"

One cold December morning in 1950 when I was 12 years old, I walked into our house after playing outside in our courtyard. I saw my mother, two of my brothers, and my older sister standing there. I could see that they were about to take some sort of trip. They were warmly dressed for the winter, and they clutched a few bags and a backpack in their hands. As soon as my mother saw me, she drew herself close to me as if she were waiting for me. Softly she whispered, "Son, go with your brothers and sister." She had a ski cap in her hand and pulled it over my head. I did not know what was happening. I looked into our living room, and there I saw two of my younger sisters playing house. They had their backs toward me. Then I walked out to the courtyard. My

mother simply said, "Go in peace" as we left the house.

The Chinese communist army of one million strong had just crossed the border into the land of morning calm, torn apart by the war between North Korea and South Korea. They came in support of the North Korean communist army which had been beaten back to the Yalu River by the forces of South Korea and the United Nations. General MacArthur had proposed the bombing of mainland China, but President Truman fired him for his "sin" of presumption. The South Korean army and the U.N. forces were unable to contain the waves of Chinese soldiers, so they had to pull back. For several days I saw the caravans of army trucks with artillery and soldiers rumbling through the streets. Accompanying the retreating troops was a sea of refugees heading south seeking safety from the invading army to the north. Some were walking and others were riding or pulling their ox carts. But fear and desperation were written over all their faces.

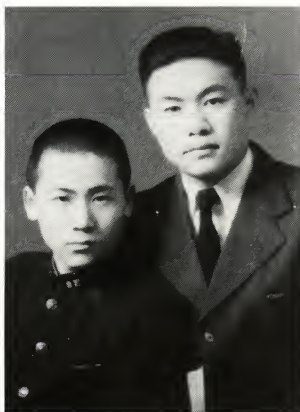
Never to Return

Four of us joined the stream of refugees. We did not realize that we were leaving our family never to return. I, for one, never thought that I would not be seeing my parents again. Had I known, I probably would not have left home. At the time I thought we were

simply leaving to take refuge somewhere for a short while as we had done many times before to protect ourselves from the bombs that were dropped from the American airplanes.

We travelled south with the refugees for a week until we reached the safety of South Korea. For the next three years the South Koreans with their U.N. allies and the North Koreans with the Chinese army fought until a peace treaty was signed between the two parties. Then, no one was allowed to cross the border. Five million people had flooded into South Korea from the North during the war. With husbands in the South and wives in the North, sons in the South and daughters in the North, children in the South and parents in the North, the situation became pure misery.

One of my aunts who lived in the South took my brothers and sister, while another aunt took me for the next three years. After this, I was on my own at the age of 15. Only three hours drive from the border was my old home where my mother, my father, three sisters, and a brother lived. But I could neither go home nor could I even hear from my family. North Korea was farther away from me than anywhere else in the world, even farther than the United States which is 10,000 miles from South Korea. I could come to America, but I could not visit my own home in the North.



Dr. Kim (left) with his Sunday School teacher in South Korea, not long after leaving the North.

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*Dr. Kim's family
in North Korea today.
His mother is in
the center.*



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DAVID KIM

Pain of Separation

Separation is devastating to loved ones, especially when it is forced on them. My family in the North had no idea whether we successfully made our way to the South, or if we were even alive today. How would they feel if they knew that I, a boy of 12 then, had become an ordained minister and a college professor in the United States? Would it not sound to them like the story of Joseph? Sufferings and trials are an unavoidable part of human life. Someone said that only two things are certain in this life -- death and taxes. But may I add one more item to that list? Death, taxes, and trials are certain in this life. God afflicts us, not to break us but to broaden us. The whole creation groans, mourns, and travails in pain, waiting for the redemption (Rom. 8:22). Trials are "common to man" (1 Cor. 10:13).

In South Korea I quickly realized that there was no way to return home and that I would never see my family again. My aunt enrolled me in a school as a sixth grader. One day my homeroom teacher told the class to bring our parents for a P.T.A. meeting and a conference with the teacher. I stood by a tree alone at the school on the day all the parents were coming, and I watched the happy children with their parents. I cried out to God in silence, "Why me, Lord?" Uncontrollable loneliness flooded my soul. I came home very

tired and fell asleep. One of my mischievous younger cousins woke me by shouting into my ear, "Your mom is here!" I jumped up out of bed and looked around to see whether she was really there, but it was merely a joke. My cousin broke into laughter, knowing that his trick had worked.

Comfort in Separation

My mother had taught me about God, Jesus, prayer, hymns, and the Bible early in my life. I now developed a new habit. Early each morning I slipped out of the house quietly and went to church for the 5:00 a.m. prayer meeting. I had no one to turn to but Jesus. He was the only One to whom I could cry out. All the loneliness and heartaches of a young boy were poured out to Him. And He heard my cries. I had learned the preciousness of a sweet communion between the Lord and myself. All my secrets were shared with Him. All my pains were given over to Him during the hour of prayer. I was too proud to share my inner feelings with anyone, but I had the Lord who understood me better than any person in this world. Walking back toward the house from church and smelling the fresh crisp air early in the morning after an hour of prayer remains a cherished memory.

Even when you have no one to trust but the Lord, you truly have Someone. Our God is the God of the widows,

the orphans, and the helpless (see Deut. 10:18). The Scriptures teach this truth, and the Lord applied it to my life in a very real way. He cared for me in my time of need. God enabled me to attend one of the best schools in Korea, and He even sent me to the United States for further education. God can do great things for us, even though our parents cannot. "Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted" (Matt. 5:4).

A New Joy in Separation

One year ago a letter was delivered to me. The envelope was unfamiliar. I casually opened it and read, "My dear son whom I have been longing to see again." I could not believe my eyes! A letter from my own mother? I quickly flipped through the pages to see the signature. It was a letter of four pages signed by my mother, a real letter from my own mother after 35 years. Praise God! My prayers were answered. She was 45 years old when I left; today she is 80 and still doing well. I learned that my three sisters and one brother were also alive and in good health. This news, after so many years of silence, helped me focus again on the great mercy of God. "The Lord is good and His mercy endureth forever" (Ps. 106:1). The Lord heard the humble cries of His servant. Praise His name!

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or at WBC and serves as the Chairman
also the senior pastor of Bethel Presby-
Kim resides with his wife and three
of Dr. Kim's testimony is available

*Today, Dr. Kim
is still unable
to visit his family
in North Korea.*





FAMILY FOCUS

The News and Needs of the WBC / CBS Family

CHRISTMAS BUFFET AND CONCERT

The College Choir and Orchestra presented the Christmas cantata, "O Magnify the Lord," December 6 and 7 in the Wagner Center. Over 2,000 people attended. The concert featured our largest orchestra for a Christmas concert (29 members) plus guest soloist **James Meeks**, Minister of Music, McLean Presbyterian Church, McLean, VA.

At this year's concert, over \$4,000 was received toward a project of providing new furniture for the lounges in the women's dormitory, Steiner Hall.

Also at the concert, the Women's Auxiliary's 30th Anniversary Cookbook, "Butter 'n Love Recipes," was made available for the first time. If you have not gotten your own personal copy, attend one of our Auxiliary brunches or write the Women's Auxiliary (c/o WBC).

WBC ATHLETICS UPDATE

Although we cannot boast about our basketball team's record this season (4-14 at the end of January), we are quite proud of the fine attitudes they have displayed. **Coach Dave Epstein's** leadership and enthusiasm for the game has set the example for his players.

The Athletic Department recently began two new ventures. The first was the initial publication of "**The Paw**," a sports information quarterly. This publication will serve to keep the WBC constituency abreast of what is happening in WBC athletics. Secondly, a booster organization has been formed known as the **Cougar Club**. The chief goal of this organization is to support WBC students/athletics.

If you have not received information on these two new undertakings, you may write the WBC Athletic Department for additional details and information.



NEW STAFF APPOINTMENTS

President Harry E. Fletcher recently announced the appointment of new College personnel.

Mrs. Ruth Rogers joins us as Secretary to the Academic Dean and Registrar of the College. Ruth is a daughter of missionary parents, growing up in Ethiopia. She is a graduate of Bryan College. Her husband, Ralph, teaches at Camp Springs Christian School.

Miss Carlene Terlouw is our new College Hostess. Carlene is a graduate of Cedarville College. For the past three years she has been serving the Lord as the Activities Coordinator at a residential home for the handicapped in Ohio. Carlene also teaches one of our methods courses in the Elementary Education curriculum.

Mr. Robert Fine has been appointed as the Graphic Arts Designer. Bob grew up in Zambia, Africa, where his parents were serving as missionaries. He is a graduate of Northeastern Bible College and received his M.A. in communications from Wheaton Graduate School.

PRAISE AND PRAYER

PRAISE

1. Praise the Lord for our professors. Much prayer, planning, and preparation goes into each course they teach as they seek to communicate God's Word effectively.
2. Praise the Lord for our faithful staff who serve in the background so that men and women may be trained in the Word of God.

PRAYER

1. Pray for each student enrolled this semester, both in the day and evening College/Seminary programs. Pray for prepared hearts and changed lives as a result of their studies this semester that in all things the Lord may be glorified.
2. Pray for those students who will be graduating this May. Some are still uncertain as to God's leading. Pray for a commitment to His perfect will for each one of these students.

PRAYER STEWARD FELLOWSHIP BULLETIN

Are you someone who prays regularly for WBC/CBS? If not, would you like to pray regularly for our ministries? Almost 2,000 people are part of our "Prayer Steward Fellowship." Each month they receive a "bulletin" of specific prayer items for each day of the week. If you would like to join this band of prayer warriors and receive the "Prayer Steward Bulletin" each month, then please write to the Public Affairs Office. We covet your prayers.



SPRING CHOIR TOUR

Each spring the College Choir is involved in a very active and effective musical ministry. Besides their weekend ministry in local churches beginning February 15 through the end of April, they will be on a ten-day tour through the Midwest. President Fletcher will be the speaker on the tour. Listed below is the tour schedule. We invite you to come and hear them if they are in your area.

TOUR SCHEDULE

Sat., March 1	Northgate Bible Baptist Church Pittsburgh, PA	7:30 PM
Sun., March 2	Goss Memorial Church Akron, OH	10:30 AM
Sun., March 2	Trinity Baptist Church Marion, OH	7:00 PM
Mon., March 3	Heritage Christian School Indianapolis, IN	2:00 PM
Mon., March 3	Walnut Grove Chapel Indianapolis, IN	7:15 PM
Tues., March 4	Fellowship Bible Church Hartland, MI	7:00 PM
Wed., March 5	Central Baptist Church London, Ontario, Canada	7:30 PM
Thurs., March 6	Immanuel Baptist Church Holland, MI	7:00 PM
Fri., March 7	Mayfair Bible Church Flushing, MI	7:00 PM
Sat., March 8	Saltsburg Baptist Church Saltsburg, PA	7:30 PM
Sun., March 9	Penn Wood Bible Church Everett, PA	10:45 AM
Sun., March 9	Hagerstown Bible Church Hagerstown, MD	7:00 PM

Mr. E. James Bos, Director

If you desire dates and times of other concerts, please call or write the Public Affairs Office.

The College Choir will be featured in our next issue of Reflections.

DO YOU HAVE A WILL?

Much of God's money is wasted at the time of the death of His children because many believers do not take the time to draw a will.

May we encourage you to make sure:

1. **You have a will.**
2. **Your will is valid, and**
3. **Your will is up-to-date.**

Your will should reflect your current thinking and plans.

For more information on a will, contact **Mr. James Burr, Director of Business Affairs**.

CBS SPRING LECTURE SERIES

Mr. Zane Hodges -- Professor of New Testament Literature and Exegesis, Dallas Theological Seminary
Topic: "The Original Text of the Book of Revelation"
Dates: **March 11-14, 1986**

Dr. John Walvoord -- President, Dallas Theological Seminary
Topic: "The Nations in Prophecy"
Dates: **March 18-21, 1986**

Rev. Dean E. Nale -- Pastor, Northgate Bible Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, PA
Topic: "The Pastoral Ministry"
Dates: **April 8-11, 1986 (9:50 - 10:30 A.M.)**

Each lecture series will be held at 9:45 - 10:45 A.M., Tuesday through Friday in the Seminary Chapel. The public is invited and there is no charge. We would be pleased to have you attend these lectures by these outstanding teachers.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

MARCH

- 1 **Women's Auxiliary Brunch**
- 1-9 **College Choir's Midwestern Tour**
(See "Family Focus" for itinerary.)
- 6-9 WBC's Mid-Semester Break
- 11-14 CBS Special Lectures
Guest Lecturer: **Mr. Zane C. Hodges**, Professor, Dallas Theological Seminary
- 15 **All-Day Seminar: Matthew**
- 18-21 CBS Special Lectures
Guest Lecturer: **Dr. John Walvoord**, President, Dallas Theological Seminary

APRIL

- 4 **Evangelical Theological Society Eastern Regional Meeting** -- Hosted by CBS
- 8 **College Preview Day**
- 8-11 CBS Special Pastoral Lectures
Guest Lecturer: **Rev. Dean E. Nale**, Pastor, Northgate Bible Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, PA

MAY

- 10 **Athletic Awards Banquet**
- 16-17 **Alumni Homecoming Weekend**
- 17 **Commencement (10 A.M.)**
Guest Speaker: **Dr. Jerry Falwell**, President, The Old-Time Gospel Hour
- 20 **WBC Summer School Classes Begin**
- 26 **CBS Summer Evening Program Begins**

Our Special Greeting to You

How very grateful we are to our Lord for the many alumni of Washington Bible College and Capital Bible Seminary who are scattered around the world today. We not only recognize those who are serving Him on the mission field, behind the pulpit, in the Christian school classroom but also those who are serving Him faithfully behind the scenes. For those who witness on their jobs, minister to their families at home and faithfully serve in their churches, we would give you a hearty word of encouragement too!

For you see, we also recognize that it takes every member of the body of Christ to get the job done today. There is **no** job or ministry less glorious than the other for we all serve the same Lord and we all have the same purpose, and that is **to glorify Him**. That's why you came to study His Word for those brief years and that's what counts for eternity.

So wherever you are and whatever you are doing, do it all to the glory of God (1 Cor. 10:31). And if you feel that you are doing something that glorifies Him in your life then share it with us and your former classmates.

As I come in contact with alumni in many various locations, they always say the same thing. "We look forward to receiving the next REFLECTIONS because we go immediately to the 'Alumlight' section to see what is happening in the lives of our former classmates."

Please let us include you in our next issue. Write us a line so that we can share with the whole family.

We especially want to thank you for being our "on the field recruiter" this past year. You are our best salesman for a Bible education at WBC and CBS. Thank you for sending young people our way and entrusting them to our care and feeding. We trust you will have confidence to do so in the future years ahead.

So our special greeting to you is this -- **Thanks A Million**. May He reward you with His richest blessings for your faithfulness to Him in 1986 wherever you are and in whatever you do.

In His love,

Carol

(Miss) Carol Potter
"Alumlight" Editor

P.S. This is my **last** issue of the "Alumlight" as I leave the school the end of February. Thank you for the many wonderful memories of what God has been doing in your lives since your student days at WBC/CBS. It has been a special privilege serving you. God bless!

PLACEMENT SERVICE AVAILABLE TO YOU

"Let Us Help You"

The Washington Bible College and Capital Bible Seminary Placement Office is designed to assist you in seeking a ministry or filling the personnel needs of your ministry. Our desire is to assist candidates and/or churches, schools and mission organizations in obtaining the names of qualified people and ministries.

Upon receiving a request for assistance we send you a copy of our "placement packet" which includes a ministry questionnaire, procedural guidelines and a listing of opportunities or candidates. If we can help in any way just complete the coupon below and return it to: **Alumni Placement Office**, Washington Bible College/Capital Bible Seminary, 6511 Princess Garden Parkway, Lanham, MD 20706.

Organization (Church, school, etc.)

Position to be Filled _____
Name of Organization _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Contact Person _____ Phone No. () _____

Candidate

Seeking What Position? _____
Name _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone No. () _____

ALUMNI UPDATE

1980 - Present

John Apeh (WBC '82) was appointed principal of the C.M.M.L. Secondary School, Benue State, Nigeria, a Christian high school with some 800 students.

Larry and Kathy (Schramm) Bartholomew (CBS '83) praise the Lord for His directing them to Forney Memorial Church, Silver Spring, MD, where they have become actively involved in a shepherding Bible study-fellowship group. Larry also enjoys teaching in the Adult Education Program at WBC.

Carolyn Bentley (WBC '81) has been actively involved with her home church, Metropolitan Bible Church, Ontario, Canada, and also is leading seven weekly Bible studies on prayer.

Charlie (WBC '81) and **Karen Bing**, Dallas Theological Seminary, TX, find themselves submerged in their church's missions and evangelism program. They are also working with the AWANAS children's club.

Peter (P.J.) Blackburn (WBC '84) was ordained by his home church, North Plainfield Baptist Church, NJ. He currently serves as youth director of Trinity United Methodist Church in Annapolis, MD.

John (CBS '80, WBC '77) and **Jennifer Brown**, serving with UFM International, Canada, where John has been appointed Associate Director of UFM. He will represent the mission in churches and Bible colleges across the country as well as be responsible for the administrative needs of the office.

Ken (WBC '80) and **Cecile (Legault, WBC '79) Burkhart**, AMOC, Paw Paw, WV, praise the Lord for His protection during the recent floods. There was no serious damage to their church. They also praise the Lord for the growth that He has given to their church body.

Gary (CBS '84, WBC '79) and **Nancy Butler**, Berean Mission, Appointees to Brazil, give the Lord praise for the provision of a car for deputation. Continue to pray for the Butler's support need and deputation meetings.

Jim and Joanne (Lyons) Callahan (WBC '80), OMF, Philippines, are enjoying their responsibilities as dorm parents to nine children along with Aaron and Audrey. They specifically request prayer for wise use of their time.

Tom (WBC '82) and **Robin (Weller, WBC '84) Coleman**, Pioneers, Appointees to Irian Jaya, have departed for their new field of ministry and will need our prayers as they make transitions in their new culture.

Brian (WBC '83) and **Janet Dumond**, AMOC, Benton, PA, ask that we especially pray for their outreach ministry during the winter months when the weather can hinder visitation.

John (WBC '80) and **Celia Fletcher**, Pioneers, Papua, New Guinea, have returned to minister among the Samo-Kubo tribe. Pray for Celia's adjustments to her new home and for a good receptivity from the tribes people.

Del and Barbara (Wesley) Gibbons (WBC '80), UFM International, Indonesia, returned home for a short furlough to await a permanent visa in order to return to the field in December.

Gary (WBC '80) and **Sandi (Grafe, WBC '81) Glahn**, Dallas Theological Seminary, TX, sent their year-end report on their activities during 1985. It sounds like they had a busy year -- Grafes' first time visit, second honeymoon in Jamaica, retreats, camping trips, summer vacation and, of course, school. Through it all, they praise the Lord for His goodness and blessings.

Ed (CBS '83) and **Shirley Haywood** tell us a local newspaper in Ed's hometown did a feature article on his ministry in an apartment development where he is "changing negatives to positives." His ministry is being supported by 14 nearby churches.

Kevin Heater (WBC '82), UFM International, France, has been actively involved in several ministries: Bible stand in the market, university student ministry, teens ministry, a men's meeting and puppet ministry. Pray for God's working in the lives of these people that they might seek Him.

Tony Hewitt (WBC '82), International Missions, Suriname, asks that we continue to pray for him as he befriends the peoples of Suriname that God might give him good opportunities to share the gospel. He praises the Lord for the special concerts given during the holidays.

Alvin Hull (WBC '81), Pioneers, Papua, New Guinea, is home on

furlough and hopes to begin deputation and recruitment in March after possible back surgery. If you would like Alvin to share his ministry, you may contact him at the following address: c/o Steve Antosh, 7139 Wilburdale Drive, Annandale, VA 22003, (703) 354-2665.

Pat (WBC '79) and **Robin** (CBS '85) **Kearney**, Pioneers, Appointees to Thailand, rejoice that their Laotian church ministry is now on its own and growing under the leadership of Pastor Subkanha. The Kearneys left for their new field of service in January.

Charles (WBC '85) and **Denise Kraebel**, AMOC, Milford Center, NY, would like us to pray for their new Friday evening Bible study which will be an evangelistic outreach to the community.

Isabel Lee (WBC '80), SEND International, Taiwan, gives the Lord praise for the provision of property for a mission center to serve as an office-guest house-storage facility. Isabel also looks forward to a leave that will enable her to pursue graduate studies in the spring.

Jean-Marc (WBC '80) and **Wanda Lepiliez**, Overseas Crusade, France, rejoices in the good first-time meeting of "the team." Pray for all necessary decisions that are to be cared for with the government and church in order for the team to have an effective ministry.

David (CBS '83) and **Renee Lyons**, Navigators, Blacksburg, VA, are asking prayer for balanced priorities, establishing a loving family atmosphere among the team, salt/light penetration into student lives, and additional support.

Marianne Miller (WBC '82), CEF, Cyprus, is home on furlough and would be happy to present her ministry to your church if you would be interested. She can be contacted at 535 East Salem Street, Clayton, OH 45315.

David (CBS '85, WBC '77) and **Joreen (Bross, WBC '79) Parrish**, Word of Life, Appointees to Portugal, are presently on deputation making preparations to teach in the new Bible Institute in the fall of 1987. Their projected departure date is September 1988.

Sam (WBC '81) and **Rachel Paulson**, Pioneers, India. Sam returned home after a short furlough to the States to help raise their support level. They rejoice in the good ministry that God has given among their people. His team has been able to reach 41 villages with the "good news" this past year.

David (WBC '80) and **Julie Ray**, UFM International, Indonesia, praise the Lord for a house to rent in Yogyakarta where their future ministry will take them. Meanwhile, Dave is busy teaching in the Evangelical Theological Seminary of Indonesia and assisting students in their required church-planting efforts.

Steve and Arlene (WBC '82) **Richardson**, Pioneers, Indonesia, left this January to minister among the Muslims in West Java in the area of church planting.

Jill Rosensteel (WBC '84) is a realtor associate with Long & Foster Realtors in Mt. Airy, MD. She is also working as activities director at a senior citizens home.

Stephen (CBS '80) and **Annie (Hughes, WBC '77) Schappert**, Greater Europe Mission, Ireland, had a short holiday to London and Holland as well as a time to spend at their mission's annual conference. They ask prayer as they continue to work with the new church in Swords.

Joyce Stauffer (WBC '80), International Missions, Hong Kong, rejoices in God's faithfulness as she celebrated her 2nd anniversary in Hong Kong. Joyce is helping with the children at one of the new churches along with teaching several English classes.

David Tazelaar (CBS '83, WBC '81), TEAM, Spain, is presently studying the Spanish language in Costa Rica. Dave is especially thankful for his two co-workers who came to know the Lord before he left for language school.

Janie Thompson (CBS '83), UFM International, Appointee to Indonesia, continues to wait for her visa. Do pray for a quick granting of this visa so that she can leave for language study.

Doug (CBS '84) and **Beth Ullmann**, Dallas Theological Seminary, TX. We wish to extend our sincere sympathies to Doug at the homegoing of his father this past August. We also rejoice with Doug that his dad is with the Lord.

Sinh (WBC '81) and **Mai Ung**, Pioneers, ask that we pray for their ministry among the Vietnamese while Sinh also attends Capital Bible Seminary.

Robert Wesley (CBS '82, WBC '79), UFM International, Appointee to France, was ordained by his home church on December 14 and left for language study in France this January. Pray for Bob's quick learning as well as a good adjustment to his new ministry.

Fred (CBS '81) and **Norma Wittman**, WEF Ministries, Australia, are grateful for the students at Bimbadeen Aboriginal Bible College where Fred is in his third year of teaching. They are also excited about calling a pastor for the Wagga church.

Vance and Patty (Hollis) Woodyard (WBC '80), Pioneers, Papua New Guinea, were at Dahamo helping to build an airstrip when one of the ladies who was helping fell ill and died. "We were very thankful that she was a Christian, and we could assure the people that she had gone to be with the Lord. Pray for her Christian husband and her small son."

Cheryl Wurster (WBC '85) is working at the Annandale Christian Center for Early Learning while she continues her deputatlon for Rio Grande Bible Institute.

Our *congratulations* to **Joann Plyler** (WBC '82) and **David Tierney** (WBC '82) on receiving their graduate degrees (M.A. and M.Div. respectively) from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, TX.

1976 - 1979

Lols Alken (WBC '77) wrote to tell of her relocating in Marquette, MI, where she is employed by Community Mental Health and works as an activity therapist in a group home and work center for severely mentally retarded adults.

Bob (CBS '78) and **Marcia Arnold**, SIM, Ivory Coast, were grateful to the Lord's provision of the needed financial support to return to their field. Bob is actively involved in teaching in the TEE program in five locations.

Ken (CBS '75, WBC '72) and **Joey (Brooks, AE '77) Belchler**, Arctic Missions, British Columbia, praise the Lord for Jeremy's baptism this summer, six students who are involved in NBC's one-year Internship program and many of the works being turned over to the natives.

Jim Birkitt (WBC '79), pastor of Carmel Baptist Church, Ruther Glen, VA, wrote to share that the church underwrote a faith missions program which included the support of two alumni families. Thanks, Jim, for considering some special grads!

Myrna Ballain (WBC '76), Children's Haven, Morocco, asks that we pray for her as she puts together a slide presentation to share her ministry at the Haven upon her return to the States for furlough in the summer of 1986.

Jim and Jennifer (Alsrue), WBC '79) **Bowers**, United World Mission, Mali, West Africa, have moved to Kayes Center to begin work with the church. Pray for their resettlement into a new location.

Bob (WBC '76) and **Deldra (Millington)**, WBC '74) **Ewerth**, Open Air Campaigners, Philadelphia, would like us to join them in prayer for another staff member to join them as an evangelist for the team.

David (WBC '78) and **Debbie (Reeder) Gilbo**, South American Mission, Bolivia, have arrived in their new home to begin a ministry in aviation and church planting.

Ken (WBC '76) and **Linda (McSwain)**, WBC '75) **Heater**, Scripture Memory Mountain Mission, KY, have been busy with the school ministry with Ken being able to be in 16 schools each month. He is also responsible for developing the devotional material for summer camp. Linda is enjoying leading the ladies Bible study at church.

Bob Kay (WBC '79), UFM International, Haiti, asks prayer for his new ministry with the Bassin Bleu Church located in the Haitian mountains. He feels like he is learning Creole all over again because the mountain people speak it differently.

Ken (CBS '75, WBC '72) and **Ginny (Fletcher)**, WBC '79) **Mauger**, Pioneers, South Africa, find themselves both busy with the church. Ken is preaching, discipling, working with "cell" meetings on Wednesday evenings and with the youth, while Ginny is involved with the Sunday school and working with the senior citizens.

Steve (CBS '77) and **Pat (Hirt) Mosely**, Bible Christian Union, Portugal, praise the Lord for His provision of a meeting hall for the Famalicao church. Steve and Pat were able to participate in BCU's church planting conference in Switzerland in December.

Bob Moya (WBC '79), Overseas Missionary Fellowship, Philippines, has been asked by the team to consider the responsibility of Socio/Economic Coordinator which will include the areas of literacy,

medical, legal assistance, marketing, water systems and relief. "Wisdom is always needed to keep the proper balance between church planting and helps." Bob asks that we pray for him in this important decision.

Dennis Shelly (CBS '77, WBC '73), Bible & Missionary Theological College, Nigeria, returned to the States recently to work on necessary papers to get a permanent visa to remain in Nigeria. Meanwhile, the College has a need for two additional faculty members and a secretary.

Jackie Smallbones (WBC '77) made an important decision to remain in her war-torn homeland and continue teaching at Rosebank Bible College. She is teaching Bible survey and theology classes. Jackie also has plans to begin work on her doctorate. She says, "If you don't hear from me for the next year or two, assume I was accepted (for the doctorate program at one of the universities) and am working hard."

Jesse Van Schepen (WBC '77), UFM International, Ireland, noted that she is in her fourth year and perhaps will need to make a change in location of ministry. She asked that we pray for her willingness to go wherever He would want her to serve.

Jaime and Denise (Kachel), WBC '77) **Zabala** are serving together at Betania Baptist Church, Quito, Ecuador, where Denise helps in the areas of music and sponsoring the young people. Jaime is co-pastor at the church.

1971 - 1975

Kathy Benyack (WBC '74), CEF, Appointee to Cyprus, rejoices that God has provided her outgoing expenses but would ask that we continue to pray for her monthly support need. Several of the CEF chapters have taken Kathy on as their Good News Club missionary.

Bruce (CBS '79, WBC '72) and **Ruth (Baskin) Busch**, Gospel Furthering Fellowship, Kenya, East Africa, ask that we pray for two full-time teachers in the Bible school as well as a Dean of Students.

Wayne (WBC '72) and **Marle (Burkholder)**, WBC '71) **Harms**, MAVPAC, PA, have extended their outreach to a video-cassette tape ministry. Though Wayne is in Korea, the family was able to greet one another by phone on Christmas morning.

Darryl (WBC '71) and **Tina (Holmes) Hødegard** have moved to Pennsylvania where Darryl is pursuing his M.S. in Biology at East Stroudsburg University as well as taking some seminary work at Biblical Theological Seminary.

Doris Jackling (WBC '74) is teaching sixth grade at Emmanuel Christian School in Manassas, VA. She also wrote that her four-month check up at the doctor's "looked good."

Phillip (WBC '75) and **Barbara Klumpp**, ABWE, Philippines, were home on furlough to adopt another child. They asked us to support them in prayer as they go through all the paperwork in receiving this new addition to the family. Pray also for the land of the Philippines with its political unrest and that it may remain a free country where the gospel can be preached.

Ken (WBC '74) and **Roxanne (Walko)**, WBC '85) **Lear** ask prayer as they begin looking for a new community to survey or be of assistance to a pastorless church.

Vicky Rogers (WBC '79) is actively involved in her home church, Grace Baptist, in the Baltimore area where she is working with the children's church and singles' ministry. She also leads a home Bible study.

Jalli (WBC '75) and **Grace Suleiman**, Evangelical Baptist Mission, PA, would ask continued prayer as they minister to the Arab people in Allentown and as they especially present the gospel message.

1966 - 1970

Ron and Beth (Carpenter), WBC '70) **Benolt**, BCM International, Canada, have settled into their new ministry as indicated by Ron's teaching 26 Bible classes three days each week in public schools. Beth tries to get into the office at least one morning to help him with his many duties.

Linda Burnett (WBC '70), Berean Mission, Hawaii, remains faithful in the classroom as she teaches Bible and reading. She has also remained faithful in witnessing to those that God has brought across her path and has watched Him do the impossible.

Thom (WBC '69) and **Carolyn (Seekell, WBC '70) Cunningham**, WEF Ministries, PA, were recently called home from England to serve on the home staff. Thom has been given the responsibilities of serving in personnel ministries and communications. Welcome home and congratulations!

Jim (WBC '67) and **Sarah Ellsmore**, AMOC, Lawrenceville, PA, praise the Lord for a new church van and would have us pray for five new families for the church this year.

Sami (WBC '69) and **Roxanne Kanani**, Baptist Mid-Missions/Campus Bible Fellowship, MD, give the Lord thanks for Sami's improving health. His heart is strengthening and there are no recurring back problems.

Dan and Barbara (Norton) Kees (WBC '66), SEND International, Yukon Territory, are thrilled with the fresh challenge of commitment to one another, to the family, and to the ministry as a result of personal Bible study. God is good and faithful!

Gene (WBC '69) and **Sally (Baker, WBC '59) Kelly** have moved to Colorado where Gene is teaching fifth grade at Arvada Christian School. Sally is assisting the school with setting up their library.

Lianne Roembke (WBC '67), CCC, West Germany, returned to the university after an enjoyable furlough with family, friends and supporters. Pray for Lianne as she researches for her dissertation.

Ray and Ruth (Wiles) Shive (WBC '67), TEAM, South Africa, ask for prayer in learning the Zulu language, developing relationships with the black church, and survey trips as well as their protection in the midst of a troubled nation. Pray, too, that these people would respond to the Word of God.

Susan Tyler (WBC '66), CEF, Dallas, TX, wrote that she was involved in five weekly teacher training classes with an enrollment of 155 adults. Fifty-three children received the Lord in the Good News Clubs this past year.

Vernon and Marian Watford (WBC '70), Triple C Bible Institute and Camp, NC, have many needs and listed some that we might pray for along with them: an evangelistic outreach coordinator, a computer for the office, and a piano for the junior church.

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Mary Kay Bates (AE '45), Berean Mission, MO, has moved to the home office in St. Louis where she is responsible for preparing a monthly prayer calendar and a prayer base (with the goal of having people praying for Berean missionaries around the world).

Bob (WBC '63) and **Rachel Dove**, Village Missions, NH, have declined the position of district representative in order to care for Bob's mother who moved in with them when his stepfather past away this summer. Pray for them as they continue work to complete the building of their new church.

Jim (WBC '56) and **Barbara (Carrico, Dip. '57) Pitts**, Children's Haven, Morocco, wrote to tell of their automation in the school. "Chico is excited about his new computer that was given to him for use in teaching about computers in our school . . . Computers are becoming very important in businesses here."

Cullen (WBC '63) and **Janet Rast**, Brazilian Evangelistic Assn., Brazil, are grateful for the seven new films received from Moody this summer. Pray for Cullen as he teaches in the seminary and for Janet as she finishes her final course for her master's degree.

ANNOUNCING THE ARRIVAL OF . . .

Jane Elizabeth to **Brian** (Present CBS Student) and **Joanne Anderson** on September 12, 1985.

Katherine Anne to **Jerry** (CBS '85) and **Linda Benjamin** on November 27, 1985. Mr. Benjamin serves as Director of Public Affairs and is an instructor in the Old and New Testament Departments at the College/Seminary. Congratulations Jerry!

Dorey Janell to **Cliff** (WBC '81) and **Cheryl (Stambaugh, Dip. '74) Callaway** on October 31, 1985.

Daniel Edward to **Dale** (CBS '78, WBC '74) and **Dolores** (WBC '72) **Carver** on September 23, 1985.

Stephanie to **Bob** (WBC '79) and **Becky (Yoder) Colby** on February 5, 1985. Bob serves as Guidance Counselor and junior high teacher at Baptist High School in Haddon Heights, NJ.

Elizabeth Melanie and Joseph Michael to **Steve** (WBC '77) and **Julie Coleman** on September 23, 1985.

Joshua David to **Fred** (CBS '83) and **Mary DiLella** on December 5, 1985.

Philip Ray to **Del and Barbara (Wesley) Gibbons** (WBC '80) on August 3, 1985.

Jonathan Michael to **Glenn** (CBS '79) and **Narcl (Naas, WBC '78) Herr** on October 8, 1985.

Nabiel Samuel to **Sami** (WBC '69) and **Roxanne Kanani** on November 28, 1985.

Loren Renae and Kerin Anne to **Curtis and Roberta (Baker, WBC '81) Knapp** on August 23, 1985.

Rachel May to **Jim and Falth (Stone) Mack** (WBC '82) on November 21, 1985.

Caleb Lee to **Craig** (WBC '81) and **Janice Osborne** on December 16, 1985.

Timothy Paul to **David** (WBC '77) and **Fran Rohrer** on September 22, 1984.

Thomas Wilson to **James and Elizabeth (Keast) Schaefer** (WBC '79) on October 3, 1985. Little Tommy was named after his uncle **Tom Schaefer**, former WBC student, who went to be with the Lord in 1979.

Jesse Samuel to **David and Holly (Wynkoop, WBC '68) Scheff** on February 15, 1985.

Bryan James to **Mark** (WBC '81) and **Margo (Sanders, Former Student) Smith** on January 9, 1986.

Felicia Morgan to **Brian and Karen (Gray) Walker** (Former WBC Students) on December 11, 1985.

Theron Daniel to **Theron and Dora Warwick** (Present WBC Students) on October 20, 1985.

Joshua Michael to **Jeff and Linda (Rogers) Tredinnick** (Former WBC Students) on September 14, 1985.

WEDDING BELLS RANG FOR . . .

Jackie Ward and **Bryon Hand** (WBC '84) on June 22, 1985. Bryon is attending London Baptist Seminary, Ontario, Canada, working on his Master of Divinity degree.

Becky Hornberger (WBC '83) and **Charles Richburg** on October 5, 1985.

Sharon Osgood (WBC '81) and **Richard Losey** on July 13, 1985.

Julie Steger and **Don Steinhauer** (WBC '81) on August 4, 1984.

Vonda James and **Guy Williams** (WBC '74) on November 2, 1985.

Marjorie York (WBC '85) and **Terry Mortimer** (WBC '84) on August 31, 1985. Marjorie is on staff with the College in our computer room.

WITH THE LORD . . .

Miss Lena B. Lobaugh, age 94, was called to her heavenly home on November 6, 1985. Her association with Washington Bible College began in 1929 when one of our founders, Mr. Collamore, conducted the American Home Bible Institute. She began the Bookstore in the 1930s when the school was located at 1509 Rhode Island Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC. Later, after retiring from the government, she managed the Bookstore from 1953 - 1957. She was one of the three great and godly women who prayed, worked and supported the school through its infancy. The other two ladies, Miss Hervey and Miss Vance, are also in their nineties. The lovely reading room in the CBS Building is dedicated to honor these three servants of the Lord.

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